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02.01-10, AIR POLLUTION MODELING, INSTRUMENTATION, AND
MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY

1. REQUEST CONGEN PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO ZAITSEV.
REQUEST EMBASSY PASS COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. "AUGUST 18, 1977 02.01-10

DR. A. S. ZAITSEV
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ULITSA KARBYSHEVA, 7
LENINGRAD 194018

DEAR DR. ZAITSEV:

I AM REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER PROPOSING SEPTEMBER 15-21,
1977, AS THE DATES FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF WORKING GROUP

02.01-10 IN THE USSR TO DEVELOP THE JOINT EXPERIMENT ON
NATURAL AEROSOLS. IN THAT LETTER, YOU SAID THAT THE REASON

FOR PROPOSING THE SEPTEMBER 15 DATE WAS THAT IT WOULD
PERMIT CERTAIN US SCIENTISTS ATTENDING THE DUBROVNIK
CONFERENCE ON 'SULFUR IN THE ATMOSPHERE' TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE NATURAL AEROSOLS EXPERIMENT MEETING.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE US SIDE OF THE WORKING GROUP, I
HAVE BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE SCIENTISTS LIKELY
TO CONTRIBUTE MOST BENEFICIALLY TO THE OBJECTIVES AND
SUCCESS OF THE JOINT EXPERIMENT. WHETHER THESE SCIENTISTS
ATTEND THE DUBROVNIK CONFERENCE IS NOT OF IMPORTANCE TO
THEIR SELECTION. TO MEET THE SEPTEMBER 15 DATE FOR THE
NATURAL AEROSOLS EXPERIMENT PLANNING MEETING IN THE USSR,
WHICH YOU HAVE PROPOSED, I HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN ABLE TO
ASSEMBLE ONLY A SMALL DELEGATION. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN
MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 14 IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR SCHEDULE TO
BEGIN THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 15.

THE US DELEGATION OF THREE PERSONS WILL CONSIST OF
DR. WILLIAM E. WILSON, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,
RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NORTH CAROLINA; DR. ROBERT
STEVENS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, RESEARCH TRIANGLE
PARK, NORTH CAROLINA; AND DR. MARCIA BAKER, UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. MRS. WILSON WILL BE
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ACCOMPANYING DR. WILSON. A DOUBLE BEDROOM FOR DR. AND MRS.
WILSON WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

AS I INDICATED IN MY LETTER TO YOU OF JULY 7, THE US
SIDE HAS THOROUGHLY REVIEWED THE SOVIET NATURAL AEROSOLS
EXPERIMENT PROPOSAL. AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW, WE FEEL
SOME OF THE SOVIET-PROPOSED MEASUREMENTS ARE UNNECESSARY
AND PERHAPS TOO COSTLY. CONSIDERING THE MANY QUESTIONS
RAISED BY US SCIENTISTS CONCERNING ESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL
DETAILS SUCH AS ADEQUACY OF PROPOSED INSTRUMENT SENSITIVI-
TIES, CHEMICAL SPECIES TO BE MEASURED, FREQUENCY OF MEA-
SUREMENTS, AIRBORNE MEASUREMENTS, AND SO FORTH, FINAL
RESOLUTION ON THE EXPERIMENT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BE MADE AT
THE SEPTEMBER 15-21 MEETING. THE US SIDE CONSIDERS IT
IMPORTANT TO VISIT THE FACILITY OR FACILITIES CONCERNED
WITH THE ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY MEASUREMENTS OF THE EXPERI-
MENT (E.G., LENINGRAD) IN ORDER TO OBSERVE AND DISCUSS
INSTRUMENT PERFORMANCE. I SUGGEST SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23 BE
USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THEREFORE, SHOULD THE SOVIET SIDE DESIRE TO CONDUCT
THIS EXPERIMENT WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AND ON A UNILATERAL

BASIS, THE US SIDE WOULD BE AGREEABLE. IN THAT CASE, THE US SIDE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE, UPON REQUEST, EXPERT ADVICE WITH THE PLANNING OF THE EXPERIMENT, ANALYSIS OF DATA, OR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

ON THE MATTER OF ANOTHER COOPERATIVE EXPERIMENT PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE, THE RESEARCH STAFF AT THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK WIND TUNNEL FACILITY IS DISAPPOINTED THAT SOVIET EXPERTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT THEM TO JOINTLY CONDUCT THE PROPOSED EXPERIMENT. I SHALL RESPOND TO YOUR ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL AFTER THAT STAFF HAS EVALUATED IT.

MIGHT I SUGGEST, DR. ZAITSEV, THAT YOU AND I MEET
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BEFORE THE COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT SYMPOSIUM IN TASHKENT TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE PLANS FOR WORKING GROUP 02.01-10. I COULD VISIT LENINGRAD FOR A FEW DAYS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-7 WHEN WORKING GROUP 02.08-10 WILL BE MEETING IN LENINGRAD.

FINALLY, I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE USSR WORKING GROUP HAS CORRESPONDED DIRECTLY WITH US SCIENTISTS CONCERNING THE JOINT EXPERIMENT ON NATURAL AEROSOLS WITHOUT INFORMING THE US WORKING GROUP MANAGEMENT. I AM SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS THAT SUCH ACTIVITY CAUSES, AND I TRUST THAT APPROPRIATE CHANNELS FOR CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE USED IN THE FUTURE. THIS IS A MATTER OF HIGH IMPORTANCE FOR THE US SIDE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

HERBERT L. WISER
US CHAIRMAN
WORKING GROUP 02.01-10

CC: YU. KAZAKOV, HYDROMET" VANCE

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